GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NIRMAL GRAM VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nirmal Gram Villages are being given additional funds for development of infrastructure;

(b) if so, the quantum of assistance per village;

(c) whether many State Governments have sent their proposals seeking funds from the Union Government for the same; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): `Nirmal Gram Puraskar` is an incentive for fully sanitized and open defecation free Gram Panchayats, Blocks, and Districts. This incentive is a part of Total Sanitation Campaign. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) at the village, block and district level are given this award for improving and maintaining sanitation facilities in their respective areas with focus on system of solid and liquid waste disposal, drainage facilities and maintenance of sanitation standard in the PRI area. The incentive provided is calculated on the basis of population of the awardee PRI and varies from Rs. 0.50 lakhs for a Gram Panchayat having population less than 1,000 to Rs. 5.00 lakhs for a population of 10,000 and above. For a block Panchayat, the award amount is Rs. 10.00 lakhs for population less than 50,000 and Rs. 20.00 lakhs for population above 50,000. For a district Panchayat, the award amount is Rs. 30.00 lakhs for population less than 10, 00,000 and Rs. 50.00 lakhs for population above 10, 00,000.

(c) & (d): The Nirmal Gram Puraskar is an award scheme, hence no proposals seeking funds are required to be sent by the States. All PRIs attaining full sanitation are eligible for the Nirmal Gram Puraskar.